

15 June 1964

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Director of Central Intelligence  
**SUBJECT:** Early Retirement Legislation

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Senator Russell has assigned the staffing of our early retirement legislation to Mr. William Darden with whom we have kept in close touch. On 11 June we had a meeting with Mr. Darden to determine how best to approach the action on this legislation. Mr. Darden said there was no question in his mind but that the first step was for you to meet personally and privately with Senator Russell to convince him that this legislation was needed. Mr. Darden believes that if Senator Russell is so persuaded the Committee hearings should not be lengthy but he believes it will take your personal intercession. The Office of Personnel is preparing some briefing material for this purpose including some cost estimates that Mr. Darden requested and some typical cases illustrative of our need.
3. As soon as the Civil Rights Bill is passed we propose to arrange a meeting for you and Senator Russell for this initial step. Meanwhile, we will remind Senator Saltonstall that the bill is pending and will be in touch with Senator Stennis who has been interested in certain proposals in connection with military retirement programs and is keenly aware of the costs involved so he may be expected to take an interest in our bill along the same line.

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